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Nominations Accepted for Naming the New Library and the New Community Center in Northeast Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif. –The City of Stockton is extending an open invitation to the public to submit nominations for naming the future Library and the future Community Center located at 1461 E. Morada Lane, next to McNair High School, in Stockton. The application period opens Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and will remain open until 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023. Naming applications may be submitted through an online platform or a printable paper form – both can be accessed at www.stocktonca.gov/NECenter.

Nominations received will be considered by a Naming Committee. The Naming Committee is responsible for reviewing the submissions and making a recommendation to City Council. The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Stockton Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Cultural Heritage Board, Economic Development Department, and Community Services Department. Naming applications that are not selected for the new Library and new Community Center will be saved for three years for consideration in naming other parks, facilities, and property in the future.

“The Committee will review and consider all applications submitted for both naming opportunities,” shares Kris Farro, Community Services Director. “They may recommend names that reflects the geographic, topographic, or historical significance of the area, or

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names that honor outstanding individuals who are recognized or remembered for their service to the community of Stockton.”

In 2002, 4.83 acres of the McNair High School site was set aside for a future library and recreation center. On November 16, 2016, Stockton voters approved the Strong Communities Initiative (Measure M), a one-quarter-cent special transactions and use tax for the restoration and expansion of library and recreation services. The Northeast Stockton Library and Recreation Center was identified as a priority capital project by the community and City Council. On May 11, 2020, the design was completed, and City advertised the project for construction. The Northeast Stockton Library and Recreation Center project will be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certified facility and consist of a library, gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, locker area with changing rooms, staff offices, and outdoor fitness areas. The facility area is approximately 19,200 square feet and will offer the community spaces for learning, recreation, and events in the northeast area of Stockton.

For additional information or a printed copy of the application form, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/NECenter, call the Community Services Department at (209) 937-8206, or email kris.farro@stocktonca.gov.

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